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Edgewater Broadcasting, Inc.
160 Gooding Street, West
Suite B
Twin Falls, ID 83301

In re: INTERFERENCE COMPLAINT
W233BF, Atlanta, GA
BLFT-20020625ABK
Facility ID # 146158

Dear Licensee:

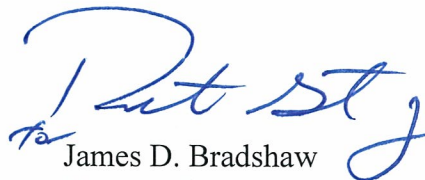
This refers to interference complaints filed by Ploener Radio Group, LLC filed April 11, 2014. The interference complaints are attached. The complaints allege that W233BF is interfering with the reception of WFDR-FM, Woodbury, Georgia.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 74.1203, W233BF is required to eliminate any actual interference it causes. Therefore, it is necessary for W233BF to submit a detailed report on the attached complaint. For the complaint, the report must include: (1) the name and address of the complainant; (2) specific devices receiving the interference (i.e. type of device, manufacturer's name, model number, and serial number); and (3) any assistance provided by W233BF for each device allegedly receiving the interference and whether such interference persists. Each of the complaints must be addressed individually.

The Commission's Rules regarding FM translators restrict FM translator stations to operate strictly on a secondary basis and limit their service. Section 74.1203(a)(3) states that an FM translator station will not be permitted to continue to operate if it causes any actual radio signal interference to the direct reception by the public of the off-the-air signals of any authorized broadcast station.¹ Actual interference is based on listener complaints indicating that the signal they regularly receive is being impaired by the signal radiated by the FM translator station. Section 74.1203(b) states that if the interference cannot be properly eliminated by the application of suitable techniques, the operation of the offending FM translator station shall be suspended and shall not be resumed until the interference has been eliminated.

¹ An FM translator station creating actual radio signal interference to any authorized broadcast station is obligated to eliminate the interference, regardless of the location where the impaired signal reception occurs.

Within thirty days of this letter, W233BF must take appropriate actions required by the provisions of 47 C.F.R. § 74.1203 to resolve all complaints of interference to fulfill its obligations. Further action on this complaint will be withheld for a period of thirty days from the date of this letter to provide W233BF an opportunity to respond. Failure to correct all complaints within this time may require W233BF to suspend operation pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 74.1203(e) and 74.1232(h).



James D. Bradshaw
Deputy Chief
Audio Division
Media Bureau

Attachment

CC: Paul Ploener (email)

Received & Inspected

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FCC Mail Room



**129 W. Main St.
Manchester, GA 31816
706-846-3016
4-2-14**

Secretary of the FCC
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sirs:

This letter is in regards to interference by W233BF Facility ID #146158 to WFDR-FM, Woodbury, Georgia facility ID # 171035 on channel 233. This is in addition to other letters about interference previously sent.

Please see the exhibits attached showing an actual overlap of the 40 dBu signal of W233BF with the 60 dBu signal of WFDR-FM as currently licensed as of March 26, 2014. This interference is a clear violation of the Commission's Rules Section 74.1204.

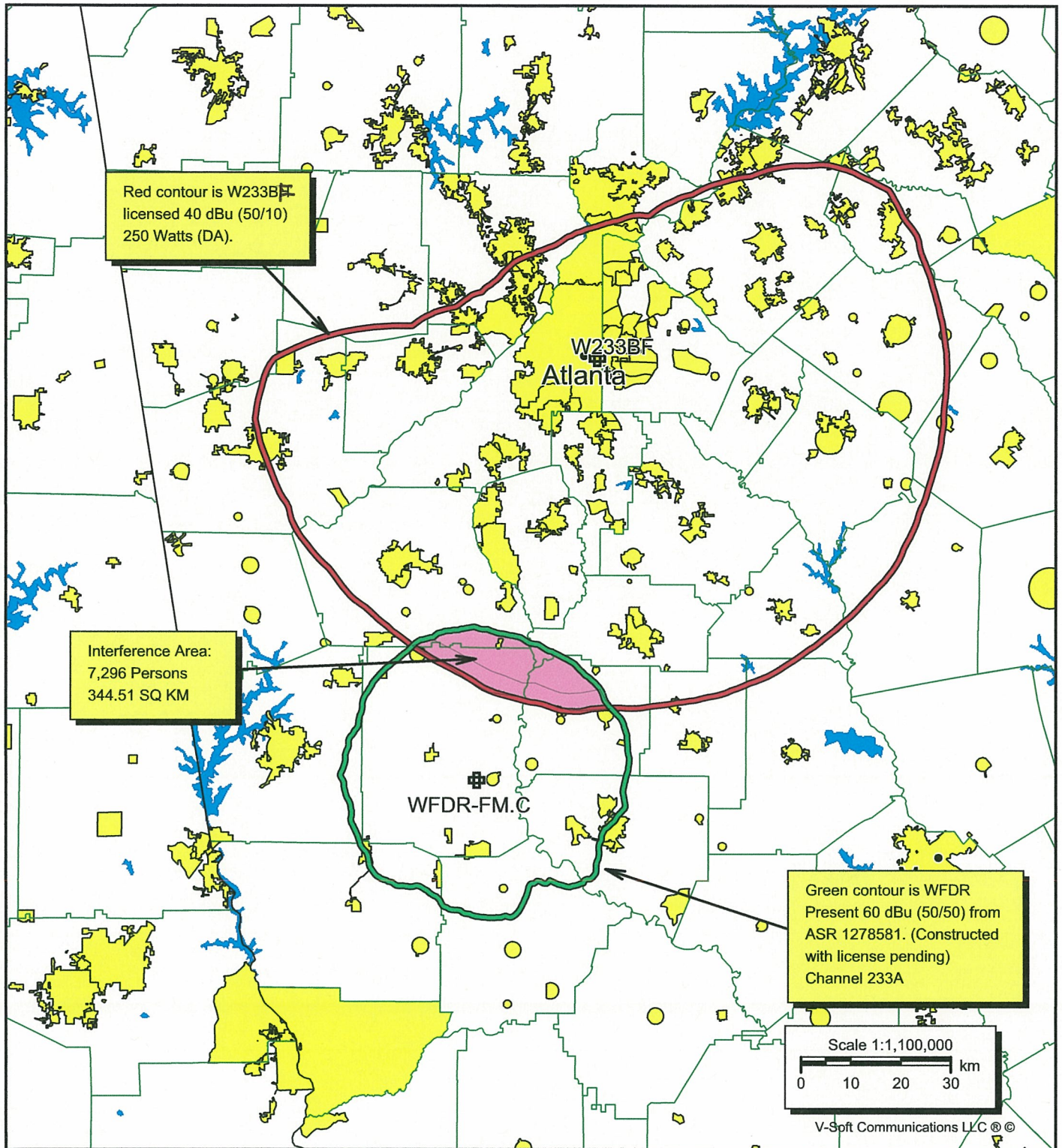
It is my intent to make the FCC aware of this violation in addition to the continued violations of the Commission's Rules under Section 74.1203 by W233BF. Please also find attached some listeners who have updated their complaints from 2012. I am attaching the 2012 complaints and the updates. Thanks for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Ploener", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Paul W. Ploener, President
WFDR 94.5 FM
Ploener Radio Group, LLC

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WFDR- FM VS W233FB

Woodbury - Atlanta

Bromo Communications, Inc.

March 2014

Barbara Hayes <barbara_hayes@fca.com>
To: Paul Ploener <ploenerradiogroup@gmail.com>

It is some better from my house in Gay but then when I get to Senoia it starts to fade out and I use to listen to it on my way to and from work everyday with no problem. Hope you can get it fixed again where I can pick it up better on my way to work in Peachtree City GA.

Barbara Hayes
barbara_hayes@fca.com

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Date: Tue, 26 Jun 2012 14:10:11 -0600 [06/26/2012 02:10:11 PM MDT]

From: BARBARA <barbara_hayes@fca.com>

To: info@mountaincountry945.com

Subject: Complaint about STREETZ 94.5

[Your name] BARBARA
[Your email] barbara_hayes@fca.com

[Phone number]

[City] Gay Ga.

[Complaint] have not been able to pick up the station yesterday @ 5:30(6-26-12) nor this morning coming to work @ 8:30.
Another station kept bleeding in over 94.5 Please have it fixed before Sat. night!!!

Mountain Country 94.5 - <http://mountaincountry945.com/complaints-about-streetz-94-5>

Client: 216.130.129.13 - Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; U; PPC Mac OS X 10.5; en-US; rv:1.9.2.28) Gecko/20120306 Firefox/3.6.28

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James Williams <kd4ftk@gmail.com>

Wed, Apr 2, 2014 at 4:55 PM

To: Paul Ploener <ploenerradiogroup@gmail.com>

I can now hear the station in the car but experience interference from the Atlanta rap station and this makes Mountain Country unlistenable. At my home I use an outside tv antenna pointed to the south. I have a noise free signal there just as I did when the transmitter was on the mountain above Manchester. This signal in Newnan when in the car is much louder, say when stopped at a light. Then pull up 2 feet and the rap station takes over. I feel like you would have a great signal here if the rap station were out of the picture. I hate what these translators have done to the FM band. I love to DX and there are several translators in Atlanta that really hamper those efforts. I first discovered WFDR FM and Sharon Braddy one night in 2008 while DXing. Have been hooked ever since!

James Williams
Newnan

Sent from my iPhone
[Quoted text hidden]

Subject: Fwd: Complaint about STREETZ 94.5
From: info@mountaincountry945.com
Date: 7/9/2012 11:16 AM
To: <mountaincountry945@gmail.com>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Complaint about STREETZ 94.5
Date: 2012-07-07 18:37
From: James Williams <kd4ftk@gmail.com>
To: info@mountaincountry945.com

[Your name] James Williams
[Your email] kd4ftk@gmail.com
[Phone number] 678-478-1298
[City] Newnan

[Complaint] I am having major issues with the WFDR FM signal here in Newnan since Streetz 94.5 came on the air. Mountain Country is not listenable in my car now around Newnan. At home I can position my highly directional outdoor antenna toward your transmitter and still receive a decent signal by nulling out the Atlanta station. Thank goodness for this since I'm a huge fan of Sharon Braddy and her Saturday night oldies show. I feel for those who don't have the setup that I have and are now missing out on wonderful hometown radio just so Atlanta can have another Hip Hop station.

James "Jim" Williams
Newnan GA

Mountain Country 94.5 - <http://mountaincountry945.com/complaints-about-streetz-94-5>
Client: 24.107.165.211 - Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT 5.1; Trident/4.0; GTB7.3; .NET CLR 1.1.4322; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.4506.2152; .NET CLR 3.5.30729; .NET4.0C)

Kaye Todd <ktodd@gbchfm.org> Thu, Apr 3, 2014 at 12:29 PM

To: Paul Ploener <ploenerradiogroup@gmail.com>

Yesterday, the 2nd of April, there was a lot of interference. The other station basically "took over" & I could not pick up Mountain 94.5 in my car or office (west of Newnan).

Thanks for checking,

Kaye Todd

Subject: Complaint about STREETZ 94.5
From: kaye todd <ktodd@gbchfm.org>
Date: 7/13/2012 8:56 AM
To: info@mountaincountry945.com

[Your name] kaye todd
[Your email] ktodd@gbchfm.org
[Phone number] 770.251.7050
[City] newnan
[Complaint] So glad I checked your website this morning ~ I had wondered why reception was so erratic! I miss the station. Please get this corrected!!

Thanks! Kaye Todd

Mountain Country 94.5 - <http://www.mountaincountry945.com/complaints-about-streetz-94-5>
Client: 97.67.121.50 - Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 5.1)